

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 27, 28, 30, 31 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention, for lack of antecedent basis for certain elements of the claims.

Applicant has cancelled claim 27 and has amended claims 28 and 31 to supply proper antecedent basis for the element of a removable cover. Claim 38, rejected for depending from a rejected parent claim, did not require amendment as it does not contain the element of the removable cover. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 26, 29, 32, 40 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Alameh (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,414).

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 33-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Alameh in view of Blonder (U.S. Patent No. 5,564,082).

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 42 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Alameh in view of Fernandez Martinez (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,803).

In paragraph 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Alameh in view of Firooz (U.S. Patent No. 6,035,035).

Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's contentions and respectfully submits the following remarks in response.

Regarding the substantive rejections of claims 26, 29, 32-37 and 39-43, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's contentions. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of the application, Applicant has cancelled allowable claim 27 and amended the

allowable subject matter of that claim into independent claim 26 and therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 26, and of claims 28-43 which depend therefrom, be withdrawn.

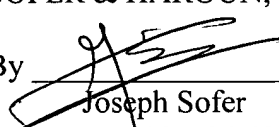
It is noted by the Applicant that the amendments are in form only, and do not require additional searching on the part of the Examiner.

In view of the aforementioned amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims currently pending in the above identified application are now in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If in the Examiner's opinion the prosecution of the present application would be advanced by a telephone interview, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNICATION DEVICE
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AMENDMENT
REPLACEMENT PAGES

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S I R:

Applicant submits these replacement pages to accompany the amendment filed
herewith, illustrating the unmarked claims.

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I claim:

26. A wrist-mounted communication device for attaching to a wearer's wrist, the device comprising an antenna system having at least a first section coupled to said device and configured to transmit and receive communication signals, said antenna having a removable cover and a biasing mechanism wherein said removable cover holds said antenna in horizontal plane position of said wrist-mounted communication device when said device is not in use by a user, said biasing mechanism, when said removable cover is removed, automatically releases said antenna to a desired position away from said horizontal plane when said wrist communication device is in use by said user.

~~27. The device according to claim 26, wherein said antenna is covered by a removable cover, wherein in closed position said cover holds said antenna in said horizontal plane position and wherein when said cover is removed, said biasing mechanism releases said antenna to said desired position.~~

28. The device according to claim 26, wherein said removable cover is a removable handset of said wrist-mounted communication device.

29. The device according to claim 26, wherein said wrist-mounted communication device further comprises a watch unit.

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30. The device according to claim 29, wherein while attached to said wrist-mounted communication device, said cover and said watch unit are in opposite relationship on a user's wrist.

31. The device according to claim 26, wherein the back of said removable cover is made from the same material as the external part of said wrist-mounted communication device so that when said removable cover is positioned on said wrist communication device, the entire communication device appears in a uniformly integrated arrangement.

32. The device according to claim 26, wherein said antenna is expandable in its open position.

33. The device according to claim 32, further comprising an expansion antenna configured to rotate about said first antenna.

34. The device according to claim 26, further comprising at least a second antenna configured to operate independently from said first antenna.

35. The device according to claim 34, wherein said first and second antenna operate as a diversity antenna.

36. The device according to claim 34, wherein one end of said first antenna

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is coupled to said communication device and the other end of said first antenna is rotatably coupled to one end of said second antenna.

37. The device according to claim 34, wherein one end of said first and second antenna is rotatably coupled to said communication device such that said first and second antennas are adjustable to form an angle in relation to each other.

38. The device according to claim 28, wherein said handset is a multi-sectioned handset comprising at least two sections configured to move between a closed position and an open position, wherein in closed position said multi-sectioned handset is adapted to be as small as the largest section, and wherein in open position said sections of said multi-sectioned handset expand to provide an extended handset.

39. The device according to claim 29, further comprising a multi-sectioned keypad comprising at least two sections configured to move between a closed position and an open position, wherein in closed position said multi-sectioned keypad is adapted to be as small as the largest section, and wherein in open position said sections of said multi-sectioned keypad expand to provide an extended keypad.

40. The device according to claim 26, wherein said wrist-mounted communication device further comprises a keypad unit.

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41. The device according to claim 26, wherein said wrist-mounted communication device further comprises a display unit.

42. The device according to claims 40 or 29, wherein said keypad unit and said watch unit are in opposite relationship on a user's wrist.

43. The device according to claims 41 or 29, wherein said display unit and said watch unit are in opposite relationship on a user's wrist.